Carver-Price School News

Hello Readers:

This week has been our busiest here at Carver-Price during the year. We feel we shall indeed need a nice long vacation. However, we cannot believe that the holidays are here!

Report cards were received last week and the Honor Roll is as follows:

Grade 12: B Honor Roll: William Bruce, Celestine Chambers, Laura Fleshman and Mary Goode.

Grade 11: B Honor Roll: Hubert Williams, Shirley Biglow, and Annistene Megginson.

Grade 10: B Honor Roll: Maggie Ferguson and Shirley Megginson, Phillip Haskins, Thomas Haskins, Absalom Lewis, John Minnifield, and Alton Reed.

Grade 9: B Honor Roll: Finest Austin, Serene Ferguson, Rosetta Lipford, Valetta McCoy, Ora Scruggs, Barbara Thornton and Diane Tibbs.

Grade 8: B Honor Roll: Ilene Walker, Helen Bagby, Faye Hubbard, Helen Preston, Margaret Haskins, and James Jones.

The Senior Class plays were presented last Friday evening in the auditorium. They were very well done and a very appreciative audience witnessed them. We always like these plays and hope there will be a repeat performance.

Since our last news report two basketball games have been played. On December 12, the Panthers played Campbell County High and lost both games — the Jayvees and Varsity games. The score of the Varsity game was 59 to 29. The Jayvees score was 34 to 24. On December 14, the team journeyed to Gretna to play Northside High School where they were defeated by a score of 57 to 34. On Tuesday, December 18, Northside High plays here at 1:00 P. M. Of course, we planned to defeat them on our court. The game ended with a score of 53 to 34, with Northside winning.

The team plays the return game with Campbell County High School on Thursday night, December 20, there.

The next home game is January 4, against Central High, of Charlotte Courthouse. The girls' team will play its first game of the season in the preilminaries. They are hoping their uniforms arrive by then. Game time is 7:00 P. M. for the preliminaries and 8:00 P. M. for the Varsity.

Thursday afternoon, December 20, the 7th Grade Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Celestral Sergeon will present the Christmas Program. All patrons and friends are cordially invited to attend at 1:00 P. M. in the auditorium. This television project will end at this time. It is sponsored by the Carver-Price Faculty.

The Annual Christmas Party will be held Friday, December 21, in the Gym. It is sponsored by the Student Participation Association.

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Our CHRISTMAS DANCE Will be December 25th

Gifts which are exchanged will be placed under the school tree by each home room. A special program has been prepared. Bags will be distributed and dancing will be a feature. Each year the student body has enjoyed the annual party.

Senior photographs in caps and gowns were taken on December 13, by Mr. Brodnax, of the Brodnax Studio, of Richmond. Time is fast drawing to a close for these honorable seniors. Plans are being formed now for commencement activities.

We hope for each of our readers, patrons, and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Our thought for this week is:

"God rest ye, little children; let nothing you affright. For Jesus Christ, your Saviour, was born this happy night;;
Along the hills of Galilee
the white flocks sleeping lay,
When Christ, the Chid of Nazareth was born on Christmas day."

Colored Dots

Impressive services were held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a special sermon from the subject: "Their Gift and Ours." All present enjoyed the message. The church choir rendered special Christmas selections. A few visitors were present. The offering for the day was very good. At the close of the morning worship, a special Pastor's Christmas offering was presented. Remarks were given by the Rev. Mr. White, of Philadelphia.

The public is invited to attend the regular preaching services at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday morning at the regular 11:30 service. The pastor will deliver a special Christmas message. The church choir will render special music.

The Appomattox Trumpteers will conduct the evening services at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The annual Union Christmas Tree program will be held at the First Baptist Church this Sunday at 8:00 P. M.

An impressive service was held at the Galilee Baptist Church Sunday at 3:00 P. M. The Reverend White, of Philadelphia was the guest speaker. He spoke on the challenge of the Grand United Order of Moses.

Miss Barbar Ann Patterson and Mr. Joe Louis Robinson were married last Saturday evening in the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall. Relatives of the bride's family witnessed the ceremony.

Rev. Mr. White was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Watson.

Regular preaching services were held at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church last Sunday. The pastor delivered a special sermon.

Mr. George Stevens, of Baltimore is spending his vacation here as the guest of his mother, Mrs. Lucy Stephens.

Arnold Fleshman, U. S. Navy, is spending some time with his mother, of Spout Spring.

Don't forget to attend church this Sunday morning.

MRS. LOUISE M. CANDA

Mrs. Louise M. Canada, who is the wife of Mr. Charles H. Canada, and daughter of Mrs. Carrie V. Elliott and the late Mr. William M. Elliott, has completed a 9 month course in practical nursing, correspondently, and also attended a 2-week practical training class from Oct. 22 to Nov. 1, and graduation exercises, Nov. 3, at the Philadelphia School of Practical Nursing, at 1704 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Canada has been a bed-side attendant for Mr. R. L. Burke for 5 years, and enjoys her work.

A. H. S. basketball team to play the Alumni at the school gym on Friday night, Dec. 21.

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FEED CONCENTRATE SUPPLIES ALMOST EQUAL TO LAST YEAR'S RECORD

The total supply of all feed concentrates for 1956-57 is practically equal to the record supply of last year, and 13 per cent above the 1949-53 average, report agricultural economists at VPI.

They say a small reduction in overall livestock numbers and production is in prospect, as farmers are expected to cut hog production about 7 or 8 per cent from the high levels of 1955-56. If grain-consuming livestock numbers drop as expected, the prospective supply of feed per animal unit will be slightly larger than last year.

Feed-grain production this year is down 6,000,000 tons from 1955, but the carryover into 1956-57 is expected to total around 5,000,000 above the big stocks of last year. While the corn supply is estimated at 6 per cent above last year, supplies of each of the other feed grains are moderately to substantialy smaller.

All of the increase in feed grain stocks in recent years has been in the stocks held under government price-support programs. Privately held carryover is now estimated at about 10,000,000 tons, about the same as last year and a little below the 1949-53 average. The total supply of feed grains owned by the CCC on October 1 was 136,000,000 tons, about 5,000,000 tons less than last year, but a little above the 1949-53 average.

Higher prices of feed grains this past summer reflect smaller crops and higher price supports for oats, barley and sorghum grains, and small market receipts and declining stocks of "free" corn.

There are two factors that will influence grain prices later in 1957 —whether or not there is a continuing decline in grain-consuming livestock numbers, and the extent that the Soil Bank program affects the acreage of feed grains planted during 1957, the economists say.

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Most local business places will be closed both December 25 and January 1.

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Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

It is Christmas night. It has been a nice "family" Christmas day, and Father Brightleaf did herself proud with such a dinner! I am in a semi-mental mood now as it is all over, and I am propped up here in bed, and banging out this copy with a portable typewriter in my lap. Ah, luxury!

And, so set up, I will write the next Father Darkleaf column for the year 1956.

And it will go like this:

The Christmas season is a very busy one for everyone. Much as I hate to work nights at our little shop on Main Street, I had to do so during the preparation of our big annual Greeting issue. One night, Father Brightleaf was at a Town Council meeting, and alone in the shop, I worked until I just gave out, and locked up and walked out onto Main Street. The street was deserted. Only two cars parked its entire length . . the stores all closed . . the "Deserted Village" of Goldsmith. But the Christmas lights were on, and there was evidence that this was no mere village, and that it was a booming and growing Town!

I confess now, that I stopped a few paces up the deserted Main Street from our shop, and leaned against the wall of a brick building, and just dreamed over recollections of this little block! I had the street all to myself, and it was nobody's business.

First, I thought of many of the big "Main Street" I had known, I thought of famous Canal Street in New Orleans, perhaps the widest "Main Street" in America. I have seen that one, too, with all the holiday lights up, and I have seen it all ready for the Mardi Gras. Ah yes, and I thought of Hollywood and of Sunset and Vine; of long Wiltshire Boulevard and "Mimele Mile." And I thought of Main Streets in Philadelphia, Memphis, Houston, Miami, Baltimore, Savannah, Birmingham, and San Antonio. And then of old Peachtree Street in Atlanta, and the winding main stem of Hot Springs, and the big town squares of many Southern towns, such as Ocala, and of the Main Streets of Yuma, San Diego, Del Rio, the cozy center at Gettysburg, and many another. And, one of the greatest of them all: Broadway, New York! And so, the picture with this column. I had come of Mother Brightleaf on Times Square, in front of The Astor, but I selected one of your editor on the famous Fifth Avenue, on an Easter

. . . Te Editor on Fifth Avenue

Sunday morning, looking mighty handsome, waiting for the Easter Parade to start!

A lot can pass through the mind in a few minutes, for I did not stay there meditating very long, actually, that night last week, thinking of the "Main Streets" of America. But I stayed there long enough to decide I would take Main Street, Appomattox, as my choice! It seemed to me that night, that this was MY Street! Great heavens to Betsy, for a quarter of a century I've been laying my claim to it! It is only a block or just another town, but this one is full of memories! I know its past, present and future as well as does any living person. I can close my eyes and imagine I see "Uncle" Walter Trent, with his lantern, lighting up! And it seems like only Monday that along this little Main Street, I saw the late A. H. Clement, Bradley Babcock, Ryland Mann, Jesse "Jimmy" Cawthon, H. W. McKinney, Wiz Coleman, Holcolm

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$1250 Robbery Is Reported at Local Store

Blue Hornets Resume Play Here Jan. 2

The home basketball schedule of the A. H. S. Blue Hornets will be resumed on Wednesday, Jan. 2, with Randolph-Henry H. S. as the opponent. Amherst H. S. plays here Jan. 4.

Appomattox now holds a 2 won, 2 lost record in games in District 4 Group league play. The over-all record is 3 won and 4 lost. A. H. S. tripped the Alumni in a game on Friday night at the local gym.

Altavista and Brookville are both undefeated in games thus far in the school league, each with 5 wins and no league losses. Rustburg also is undefeated, with 3 wins. William Campbell has 3 wins to 1 loss, and New London is all even in its four league games played. Other teams in the league are Nelson County, Whitmell, Broseville, Dan River, Gretna, and Amherst.

Young Farmer Activities For 1956 Reported

Sam Davidson reported to the Southside Young Farmers Convention recently on the activities of the Appomattox Young Farmers Association during the year 1956. The Appomattox Young Farmers meet in the vocational agriculture department of the Appomattox High School. They hold a series of educational meetings at night during the winter, and a monthly business meeting during the rest of the year. During the past year Ray Page has served as president of the local group. Other officers were Ralph Harris, vice-president, and Bill Williamson, secretary - treasurer. Sam Davidson has served as Southside District secretary during the year.

The report listed sixteen meetings held during the year with outside speakers helping out with four of the programs. Among these were: Mr. Ed Dickerson, helping on the subject of Land Appreciation and soil judging; Mr. J. N. Jennings, who explained the County A. C. P. Program to the group; Mr. Vern Torrence, who conducted a demonstration on baler maintenance; and Mr. Harold Bailey, vice-president of Southside Young Farmers, who helped at a program planning meeting. All other meetings were conducted by the members with the help of their advisors, W. Lewis Motley, and R. N. Ashworth.

One of the highlights of the educational program was a series of classes on farm electrification. At that time the group studied: electrical terms, the A. B. C. of wiring, planning home and farm lighting and wiring, and actually did some electrical wiring on mock house panels.

Two shop meetings were held in which the members worked in the voc-agric. shop repairing farm machinery and equipment.

One supper meeting was held. The members met at a local restaurant and had supper together. One square dance was sponsored during the year. Other educational topics taken up were: new things in corn farming, establishing alfalfa, and the cyanamide treatment of tobacco beds.

CHRISTMAS TRADE IN APPOMATTOX THOUGHT TO BE A RECORD

The concensus of opinion among local merchants was that Christmas trade here this year was the best on record. A bit slow getting started, due perhaps to the unseasonably warm weather, the ball got rolling last week, hitting a climax on Saturday when most business places were jammed with customers. And the customers were in a "buying mood" Saturday, knowing that the Christmas purchases had to be made. The tempo was not quite so swift on Monday, Christmas Eve.

Virtually all local stores were closed yesterday, but reopened this morning. Many started in today on inventory-taking.

Hospital Cites Its Service To County Patients

Information released this week testified to the service rendered the people of Appomattox and adjoining counties by the Lynchburg General Hospital The hospital, now in splendid new quarters, has now appealed to the public in the adjoining counties around Lynchburg, for funds to continue its service to their residents.

The statistics released this week show that in the fiscal year of 1955-56, there were 34 patients referred to Lynchburg General by the Welfare Department from Appomattox County. There were there for 266 patient days, and the sum of $4,164.28 was paid to the hospital (SLH Matched Funds).

The report also showed that the number of patients from Appomattox County unable to pay their bills during the same period, was 69. These 69 patients caused a total of $4,821.07 to be "written off" by the hospital.

The report listed the total sum "written off" as "uncollectible" by the Lynchburg General in 1954-55, as $96,222, and in 1955-56, it was $44,706: a total of over $140,000 in two years. The hospital states that sum, had it been collected, would have provided many additional orderlies, aides and nurses, as well as new equipment.

The City of Lynchburg budgets a fund, not to exceed $48,000 to reimburse the hospital for costs incurred by its citizens unable to pay their bills at the hospital, and those in which normal collection methods have failed. The hospital has no such source to draw upon in any of the counties it serves, and states that an increase in room rates would defeat its purpose.

For the reasons cited above, the Lynchburg General Hospital is seeking greater support, especially in contributions of funds, from the area surrounding the city. The complete record of "accounts written off, for adjoining counties was as follows: Amherst, 190 patients, for $11,532.86; Appomattox, 69, for $4,821.07; Bedford, 53, for $4,068.17; Campbell, 324, for $22,902.93; Charlotte, 27, for $2,264.88; Halifax, 24, for $3,398.59; Pittsylvania, 76, for $6,108.44; Nelson, 53, for $4,919.72.

We are advised that this is the first such appeal for funds from the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Demonstration Club Schedule

The Federation Program of Work will be the subject for discussion at meetings of county home demonstration clubs next week. Schedule of meetings:

Tuesday, Jan. 1.- The Lee Home Demonstration will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. D. M. Wood, Sr.

Wednesday, Jan. 2.- The Glendale Home Demonstration Club will meet at 11 A. M., with Mrs. E. W. Marshall. Members will bring covered dish for lunch.

Thursday, Jan. 3.- The Oakville Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M., with Mrs. Margaret Harris.

Thursday, Jan. 3.- Rocks Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P. M., with Mrs. John H. Ranson.

Friday, Jan. 4.- The Glendale 4-H Club will meet at 7:30 P. M., at the Sherwell Community Center.

SCHOOL TO REOPON ON JANUARY 2

Appomattox County schools will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, after the Christmas holidays.

Above, left to right: Peggy Wooldridge, Vivian Wooldridge, Rosa Mae Wooldridge, Mrs. Randall Wooldridge and Laura McFadden are shown assisting in the mailing of 6,000 letters for the Public Relations Department of Lynchburg General Hospital.

GARLAND GRAMMER TO ADDRESS WOMAN'S CLUB

Garland Grammer, Area Supervisor of The Vocational Rehabilitation Service, of the Virginia State Board of Education for the Western area of Virginia, will address the Woman's Club of Appomattox, on January 7, 1957, at 3:15 P. M. Mr. Grammer's subject will be Rehabilitation in Virginia. Club members will also be afforded an opportunity to see the recent film entitled, The Rehabilitation Story.

The program is being presented under the chairmanship of Mrs. R. M. Mann, Superintendent of the Appomattox Welfare Department.

STUDENT'S NIGHT AT LIBERTY CHURCH

The annual Student Night program will be held on Sunday night, December 30, at the Liberty Baptist Church. The scene this year is Commissioned to Serve. The following students will participate: Betty Mitchell, Alice Ashworth, Ray Wingfield, Bill Ronkie, Bobby Burkey, Earl Agee and David Ferguson.

Over 300 Children Greeted Santa Claus Here

Over 300 children were present here last Saturday afternoon to meet Santa Claus. The distinguished guest was brought here under the sponsorship of the Appomattox Lions Club, and arrived in town shortly after 2:00 P. M. Main St. was blocked off from traffic during his visit, and a line was set up for children to receive presents from Santa.

Appomattox Volunteers Finish The Job

The Appomattox County Branch of Lynchburg General Hospital Women's Auxiliary once again stepped into the breach and gave valuable service on short notice to the Public Relations Department of the Hospital. On Sunday, December 23, the Public Relations Director of the Hospital was almost tearing his hair in despair over the problem of completing the stuffing of envelopes that would finish the mailing of 6,000 appeal letters to go to the Post Office on Christmas Eve. Other volunteers were unable to return to complete the job, so a call was made to the Apopmattox volunteers shown above. They finished the job on short notice, as another evidence of their service to the Hospital.

REV. STEWART ACCEPTS CALL TO ROANOKE

Rev. Riley Jay Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stewart, of Evergreen, this county, has accepted a call to the pastorate of East End Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., effective January 31, 1957.

A native of Evergreen, the Rev. Stewart graduated from Appomattox High School in 1948, and from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1954. He is now a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. He is also 2nd. Lt. in the U. S. Army Chaplain Reserve Program, and a graduate of the U. S. Army Chaplain School. He is now pastor of the Midway Baptist Church, Ironto, Va., and of the Pine Grove Church, Rt. 1, Elliston, Va. He began these pastorates on Dec. 1, 1953, and announced his resignation Dec. 23, 1956, in order to accept the pastorate in Roanoke.

Step Up And Meet Santa Claus

Step right up, folks, and meet Santa Claus! This photo shows Mrs. Elmer Beamer with Carol and Elmer Beamer Jr., greeting Santa here last Saturday afternoon. (Photo by Beamer).

Appomattox Sheriff David T. Robertson early today stated that police were investigating a robbery which occurred at Everett's Department Store here over the holiday. The Sheriff informed the Times-Virginian this morning that a sum listed as approximately $1,250 was taken from a safe in the store office sometime between closing time Christmas Eve, and yesterday afternoon when the theft was discovered.

State Police were called in, and a check made for finger-prints and other possible clues.

The Sheriff stated that entrance to the store was gained through a door leading to the Masonic Hall, located on the second floor of the building. From that entrance, a door leading from a hall landing to the store was used.

Sheriff Robertson later informed this paper that the exact sum missing was $1,269.48. He also stated that Trooper Reynolds, of the State Police was assigned to join with him in an investigation.

Lions Slate All-Business Session Tonight

It will be business and more business during the meeting of the Appomattox Lions Club this evening. "Our committees have been so active that we will need all of our program time for reports," says R. A. Sears, chairman of the program committee.

David T. Robertson is scheduled for double duty. He was chairman of the committee that sponsored Santa's successful visit here last Saturday. The previous evening he served as chairman of the committee sponsoring a basketball double-header.

C. R. Thomas will report on the annual sale of fruit cakes. There is much interest in finding the member selling the most cakes. Mr. Thomas will also report on the club's success in its goal of selling a ton of fruit cake. The total last year was 1,260 pounds.

Judge Joel W. Flood will report on plans for the annual program honoring the high school football team. This event is tentatively scheduled for January.

The club will meet at the Hotel Appomattox, at 6:45.

Crawford Davidson To Play Baseball at San Diego

We are informed that Crawford Davidson, Appomattox professional baseball player, will report to the San Diego, California team of the Pacific Coast League this spring. He played last season with Chattanooga Lookouts of the Southern League.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT ON POSTMASTERSHIP

With Appomattox Postmaster E. LeRoy Smith scheduled to retire as of January 1, having reached the retirement age, no announcement has been made as we go to press as to the appointment of an Acting Postmaster here.

A banquet honoring Mr. Smith will be held at Hotel Appomattox Friday night of this week. Post office employees and postal officials will be present to honor Mr. Smith for his long record of service.

TOBACCO MARKETS AWAIT REOPENING

Dark-fired tobacco warehouses are scheduled to reopen on Monday, Jan. 7. The markets have been closed for the Christmas holidays, after a pre-holiday period of satisfactory sales. Appomattox growers have made a very creditable showing in prices received for their leaf in the pre-holiday sales.

BLOODMOBILE HERE

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is in Appomattox today. Volunteer donors are reporting at Liberty Baptist Church, and a goal of 100 pints of blood has been set for the Red Cross Blood Bank.

J. Newton Jennings has headed the recruitment committee and this group has waged an active campaign to enlist volunteer donors.

Play safe: drive carefully.